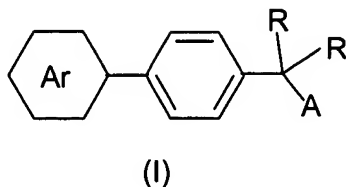


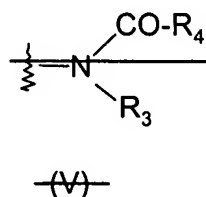
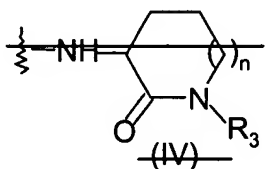
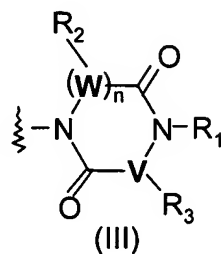
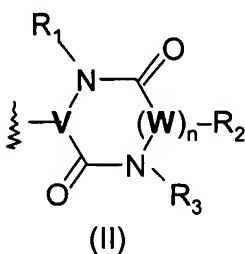
CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A bisaryl derivative of the formula I,



wherein (R,R) is selected from (H,H), O, (H,CH₃), (H,OH) and (H,CN);
and wherein

A is a group of formula ~~II, III, IV or V~~ II or III:



wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R₁ is H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

V is CH or N;

W is CR₂' or N if n is 1 and W is CR₂' if n is 2;

and V and W are not both N;

R₂ and R₂' are independently H, (C₁-C₄)alkyl or -CH₂OH;

R₃ is (C₁-C₁₅) alkyl, which may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions,

or R_3 is $-(CH_2)_q-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $-(CH_2)_q-(C_3-C_8)cycloalkyl$, $-(CH_2)_q$ -tetrahydrofuranyl, $-(CH_2)_q$ -thiophenyl, $-(CH_2)_q$ -1,4-benzodioxol-6-yl, $-(CH_2)_q$ -phenyl, $-(CH_2)_q$ -S-phenyl, or $-(CH_2)_q$ -O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_4)alkoxy$, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino, wherein q is an integer of 1-10;

or R_3 is $-(CH_2)_x-C(O)-NR_5-R_6$ wherein

R_5 is H or $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$,

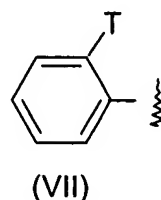
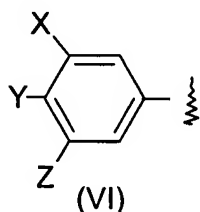
R_6 is $-(CH_2)_p-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $-(CH_2)_p-(C_3-C_8)cycloalkyl$, $-(CH_2)_p$ -tetrahydrofuranyl, $-(CH_2)_p$ -thiophenyl, $-(CH_2)_p$ -1,4-benzodioxol-6-yl, $-(CH_2)_p$ -phenyl, $-(CH_2)_p$ -S-phenyl, or $-(CH_2)_p$ -O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_4)alkoxy$, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino,

wherein x and p are integers, and $x \geq 1$ and $p \geq 1$ and $x + p = 3 - 8$;

or R_3 is $-(CH_2)_y-C(O)-NR_5-(C_1-C_{12})alkyl$, wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, R_5 is as previously defined, y is an integer of 1-12 and the maximal chain length of R_3 is 15 atoms;

~~R_4 is $(C_2-C_6)n$ -alkyl or $(C_2-C_6)n$ -alkoxy;~~

and Ar is of the formula VI or VII:



wherein

- (i) X , Y , Z are independently H, OH, $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_4)alkoxy$, provided that at least one of X , Y and Z is not H; or
- (ii) two of X , Y and Z are H, the other being $-CHO$, $-CH_2-NR_7-CH_2-R_8$ or $-CH_2-NR_7-CO-R_8$, wherein R_7 is H, $(C_1-C_6)n$ -alkyl or $-(CH_2)_m-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$; R_8 is $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_4)alkoxy$, $(C_1-C_4)alkoxy-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, amino or $(C_1-C_4)alkyl-NH-$; and m being 2-6; and

(iii) T is $-\text{CH}_2\text{-NR}_9\text{R}_{10}$, wherein R_9 is $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)n\text{-alkyl}$ and R_{10} is $(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_5)\text{acyl}$, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl-NH-CO-}$.

2. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 1, wherein (R,R) is (H,H).

3. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 2, wherein A is a group of formula II.

4. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 3, wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R_1 is $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$;

V is CH;

W is CR_2' ;

R_2 and R_2' are independently H, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$; and

R_3 is $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{15})\text{alkyl}$, which may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, or R_3 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-(C}_3\text{-C}_8)\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-phenyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-S-phenyl}$, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-O-phenyl}$, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkoxy}$, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino, wherein q is an integer of 1-10;

or R_3 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_x\text{-C(O)-NR}_5\text{-R}_6$, wherein

R_5 is H or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$,

R_6 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-(C}_3\text{-C}_8)\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-phenyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-S-phenyl}$, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-O-phenyl}$, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkoxy}$, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino,

wherein x and p are integers, and $x \geq 1$ and $p > 1$ and $x + p = 3 - 8$;

or R_3 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_y\text{-C(O)-NR}_5\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_{12})\text{alkyl}$, wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, R_5 is as previously defined, y is an integer of 1-12 and the maximal chain length of R_3 is 15 atoms.

5. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 4, wherein n is 1; R_1 is methyl; and R_2 and R_2' are independently H or methyl; and Ar is of the formula VI.
6. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 5, wherein R_3 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_p$ -phenyl, wherein p is 2-4 and phenyl may be optionally substituted; and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are all methoxy, or X and Z are methoxy and Y is OH, or X and Y are both H, and Z is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_7-\text{CO}-\text{R}_8$.
7. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 5, wherein R_3 is $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{15})$ alkyl, which may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, or R_3 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-\text{O}-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_4)$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_8)$ cycloalkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -phenyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -S-phenyl, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-\text{O}$ -phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino; and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are all methoxy, or X and Z are methoxy and Y is OH, or X and Y are both H, and Z is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_7-\text{CO}-\text{R}_8$.
8. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 7, wherein R_2 is methyl and R_2' is H or R_2 and R_2' are both methyl; R_3 is an unbranched $(\text{C}_7-\text{C}_{10})$ n -alkyl, optionally containing one or two double bonds, or R_3 is selected from $-(\text{CH}_2)_r-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_r$ -phenyl and $-(\text{CH}_2)_r$ -S-phenyl, r being 5-8 and t being 4-7; and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are all methoxy, or X and Z are methoxy and Y is OH, or X and Y are both H, and Z is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_7-\text{CO}-\text{R}_8$, wherein R_7 is n -butyl or $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$ and R_8 is $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_3$ or $-\text{OCH}_3$.
9. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 8, wherein R_3 is n -octyl and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X and Y are both H, and Z is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_7-\text{CO}-\text{R}_8$, wherein R_7 is n -butyl or $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$ and R_8 is $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_3$ or $-\text{OCH}_3$.
10. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 4, wherein n is 1, R_1 is n -butyl, R_2 and R_2' are independently H or methyl and R_3 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}-\text{NH}-(\text{C}_4-\text{C}_{10})$ alkyl, wherein the alkyl

moiety is branched or unbranched, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CO-NH-R}_6$, wherein R_6 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_p$ -cyclohexyl or $-(\text{CH}_2)_p$ -phenyl, the phenyl being optionally substituted with $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl or halogen and p being 2-4.

11. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 2, wherein A is a group of the formula III.
12. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 11, wherein n is 0 or 1, R_1 is H or methyl, V is CH, W is CH, R_2 is H or methyl, R_3 is $(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{10})n$ -alkyl or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-C(O)-NH-(C}_4\text{-C}_{10})n$ -alkyl, and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are methoxy.
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19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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